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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND  
TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: : Rickard et al.  
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FOR: : Optical Sub-Carrier Multiplexed  
Transmission  
EXAMINER: : Li Liu  
GROUP ART UNIT: : 2613  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF NOVEMBER 20, 2008**

Honorable Director of  
Patents and Trademarks  
PO Box 1450,  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 20, 2008, it is respectfully requested that the following remarks be considered.